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TAGS: SOPN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF DAILY PRESS BRIEFING MONDAY, FEB. 23

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS
FROM THE PRESS AT DAILY BRIEFING:

(1) SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED MARCH 24-25 AS NEW DATES FOR
CAGLAYANGIL VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

(2) GULF, BOEING AND ANGOLA -- WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONSUL-
TATIONS WITH GULF OVER PAST FEW MONTHS BUT HAVE NEVER BEEN
IN A POSITION TO DICTATE SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION TO
THEM. WE HAVE NOT MADE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO GULF. THERE
HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN POLICY ON THE BOEING AIRCRAFT FOR
ANGOLA. THE EXPORT LICENSE FOR THEM REMAINS REVOKED. WE
HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH BOEING ON THE SUBJECT IN THE
RECENT PAST.

(3) AMERICAN ATTITUDE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
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LUANDA -- AS SECRETARY SAID AT PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY

12, WHEN A DE FACTO SITUATION EXISTS WE WILL EXAMINE THE SITUATION. WE HAVE SAID IN THE PAST IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO TALK ABOUT RECOGNITION WHEN SOVIET ADVISERS AND CUBAN ARMED FORCES ARE STILL FIGHTING IN ANGOLA.

(4) NIXON IN CHINA -- RABBI KORFF'S ASSERTION THAT NIXON WENT TO CHINA AT STATE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTION IS UNTRUE. ASKED ABOUT APPARENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SECRETARY AND WHITE HOUSE ON WHETHER ADMINISTRATION WILL DEBRIEF NIXON UPON HIS RETURN, SPOKESMAN QUOTED SECRETARY IN BRASILIA THAT WE WILL WISH TO GET NIXON'S IMPRESSIONS AND THAT HOW THIS WOULD BE DONE WILL BE DECIDED AFTER NIXON RETURNS. SINCE WHITE HOUSE SAID DURING WEEKEND THAT, WHILE PRESIDENT HAS NO PLANS TO SEE NIXON, SOMEONE IN ADMINISTRATION WOULD PROBABLY TALK TO HIM, WE SEE NO CONTRADICTION.

(5) REPORT OF ISRAELI CABINET AUTHORIZING U.S. TO DISCUSS WITH ARABS POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS TO END STATE OF WAR IN MIDDLE EAST -- WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED FULL TEXT OF CABINET STATEMENT. WHEN WE DO WE WILL CAREFULLY STUDY IT. SINCE RABIN VISIT, WE HAVE REMAINED IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ABOUT BEST WAY TO PROCEED NEXT. THOSE CONSULTATIONS ARE IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE ABOUT THE ISRAELI CABINET DECISIONS THROUGH THOSE CHANNELS.

(6) POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. AND SOVIET UNION WILL COMPLETE THRESHHOLD NUCLEAR TREATY BY ORIGINALLY-SET MARCH 31 DEADLINE -- THRESHHOLD TREATY ITSELF IS READY FOR SIGNATURE BUT TREATY CALLS FOR AGREEMENT ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS AND THAT IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. THEREFORE, WHILE WE OBVIOUSLY HOPE BOTH AGREEMENTS WILL TAKE EFFECT ON THAT DATE, WE REALLY CANNOT MAKE A PREDICTION.

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